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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM MADRID NOV 26:

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TABS: PINR, UR, SP

SUBJECT: SOVIET INTEREST IN THE SPANISH PORT ALGECIRAS

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1. I HAD OPPORTUNITY ON NOVEMBER 15 (PRIOR TO RECEIPT
REFTEL) TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET EFFORTS TO
ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN ALGECIRAS TO ANTONIO ELIAS
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MARTINELA, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPE AND ATLANTIC
AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ELIAS TOLD ME IN
REPLY THAT ALTHOUGH NO FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN MADE
ON THIS MATTER, GOVERNOR OF CADIZ HAD ALREADY BEEN
INFORMED THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS SOVIET PROJECT
WAS BEING PUT IN ABEYANCE. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT STATE
IT DIRECTLY, IMPLICATION OF HIS REMARKS WAS THAT

ULTIMATELY SOVIETS WOULD BE TURNED DOWN ON THIS.

2. DURING LUNCH WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR BOGOMOLOV NOVEMBER 23, I ASKED ABOUT ALGECIRAS REPORTS. BOGOMOLOV REPLIED FLATLY THAT SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAD REJECTED SOVIET REQUEST. HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT SOVIETS WOULD NOW BE LOOKING FOR SIMILAR FACILITIES IN ITALY, PORTUGAL OR NORTH AFRICA (HE MENTIONED TANGIER AND ALGIERS) AND THAT THEY WOULD PERHAPS BE EXPANDING THEIR CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS IN HAMBURG.

3. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF EASTERN EUROPE (REPORTED SEPTTEL NOVEMBER 25) POLITICAL COUNSELOR USED POINTS CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL, AND NOTED IN ADDITION THAT SUCH A SOVIET FACILITY WOULD ENHANCE MOSCOW'S CAPACITY TO INFILTRATE AND SUBVERT *SPAIN ITSELF. AS REPORTED, IMPRESSION HE RECEIVED WAS THAT AT LEAST AT FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL SPANISH WERE WELL AWARE OF SECURITY INTERESTS INVOLVED IN SOVIET EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FOOTHOLD IN ALGECIRAS.

4. SPANISH SEEM TO BE MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION ON THIS QUESTION, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE 'BOGOMOLOV'S CLAIM THAT FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. WE WILL BE TAKING FURTHER SOUNDINGS TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHERE THIS MATTER STANDS. STABLER UNQUOTE VANCE
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